

(2) We agree that there are some species of major economic importance in the group, and their names should be conserved. The synonymy of the available family-group names, however, has no influence on the use of generic and specific names for these species. The majority of species in the group have no economic importance and 'considerable disruption' in the literature by synonymising the family-group names need not be feared. Generally, we see problems with including 'economic importance' as an argument in the discussion on the application of family-group names.

We did not intend to provoke a long discussion on the application of a family-group name in the Microlepidoptera. In such a scarcely-studied group and with the comparatively short time since the synonymy of the names NYMPHULINAE and ACENTROPINAE was made and even shorter time since this synonymy was generally accepted, we think it is difficult to apply the criterion of 'general usage'.

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I wish to add my support to the application by Dr Alma Solis to conserve the subfamily name NYMPHULINAE. I have worked with pyralid moths since the 1960s and have been familiar with the name NYMPHULINAE since my undergraduate days (even farther back in time). I had not heard of the name ACENTROPINAE until recently and am unaware of any use prior to Speidel (1981). The name apparently has not been used for well over 100 years.

The central purpose of the Code is to promote stability of names. The use of the name ACENTROPINAE in place of the familiar NYMPHULINAE runs counter to that purpose.

**Comment on the proposed emendation of spelling of MACROPODINAE Hoedeman, 1948 (Osteichthyes, Perciformes) to MACROPODUSINAE, so removing the homonymy with MACROPODIDAE Gray, 1821 (Mammalia, Marsupialia)**  
(Case 2661; see BZN 58: 297–299)

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I have found that in an aquarist publication Hoedeman introduced the name MACROPODINAE for a group of ANABANTIDAE in 1948, which is considerably earlier than the date cited (Liem, 1963) in the application. The group was diagnosed in a key (p. 2) to the subfamilies of the ANABANTIDAE (A. II. 1. Dorsal and anal fins both with more than 12 spines). The emended family-group name MACROPODUSINAE should therefore be attributed to Hoedeman (1948).

There is also an English version of Hoedeman's work, entitled *Encyclopedia of water life*, loose leaf 1948–195?, which I have not seen.

The name MACROPODINAE also appeared in Hoedeman (1954, pp. 472 and 476).

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#### Comments on the proposed placement of the name *Aphanius* Nardo, 1827

##### (Osteichthyes, Cyprinodontiformes) on the Official List

(Case 3028; see BZN 58: 110–115)

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I support the application by Prof Dr M. Kottelat and Mr A. Wheeler.

I protest strongly against the invalid introduction of the generic name *Lebias* Goldfuss, 1820 by Dr K.J. Lazara in 1995 in place of the well known and long used name *Aphanius* Nardo, 1827. I shall continue to use *Aphanius* because the adoption of *Lebias* would lead to considerable confusion in the literature concerned.

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I support the conclusions of the application by Kottelat & Wheeler to place *Aphanius* on the Official List. I agree with them that, as most species of *Aphanius* are threatened and listed as endangered in most of the Mediterranean region, the nomenclatural change to *Lebias* proposed by Lazara (1995) is very unfortunate. I urge the Commission to approve the application and retain the name *Aphanius*.

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I write to support the application that has been submitted to the Commission by Kottelat & Wheeler to place the name *Aphanius* Nardo, 1827 on the Official List. My use of the name was explained in Wildekamp, Küçük, Ünlüsayın & van Neer (1999).

#### Additional reference

Wildekamp, R.H., Küçük, F., Ünlüsayın, M. & van Neer, W. 1999. Species and subspecies of the genus *Aphanius* Nardo, 1827 (Pisces, Cyprinodontidae) in Turkey. *Turkish Journal of Zoology*, 23: 23–44.